

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Application No. : 10/523,696  
Applicants : Gerhard Schinzel-Reiner et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 31, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed on November 30, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 6** of this paper.